affirming that he bought it, and if that he did speake such words in his sicknesse, they proceeded from the lightnesseof his braine, and were untruthes.

** She seeing this villain's impudency, sent for her husband in, to whom she shewed the crucifix, saying, Sir, doe you know this? Yes, answered hee, but would God I ne're had known the owner of it! (It was my wife's,, a woman virtuous till the divell (speaking to the other) did corrupt her purity,—who brought me to this cm-* cifix as a token of her inconstancie.

" With that the king said, Sirra, now are you found to be a knave. Did you not, even now, affirme you bought it? To whom he answered with fearfull countenance, And it like your grace, I said so to preserve this gentleman's honour, and his wife's, which by my telling of the truth would have been much inda-maged; for indeed she, being a secret friend of mine.,, gave me this as a testimony of her love,

"The gentlewoman, not being able longer to cover her selfe in that disguise, said, * And it like your majesty, give mee leave to speake, and you shall see me make this villain confesse how he hath abused that good gentleman.' The king having given her leave, she said, * First, sir, you confessed before your oast and my selfe, that you had wrongfully got this Jewell; then before his majestic you affirmed you bought it; so denying your former words : Now you have denyed that which you so boldly affirmed before, and said it was this gentleman's wife's gift. With his majestie's leave I say, thou art a villaine, and this is likewise false.' With that she discovered herselfe to be a woman, saying —e Hadst thou, villaine, ever any strumpet's favour at my hands ?" Did I, for any sinfull pleasure I received from thee, bestow this on thee! Speake, and if thou have any goodness left in thee, speak the truth.[1]

M With that, he being daunted at her sudden sight, fell on his knees before the king, beseeching his grace to be mercifull unto him for he had wronged that gentlewoman. Therewith told he the king of the match betweene the gentleman and him selfe, and how he stole the crucifix from her, and by that meanes persuaded her husband that she was a whore. The king wondered how he durst, knowing God to be just, commit so great a villainy; but much more admired he to see his page to turn a gentlewoman. But ceasing to admire, he said—* Sir, (speaking to her husband,) you did the part of an unwise man to lay so foolish a wager, for which offence the remembrance of your folly is punishment inough; but seeing it concerns me not, your wife shall be your judge. With that Mrs. Dorrill, thanking his majestic, went to her husband, saying,* Sir, all my anger to you Hay down with this kisse.* He wondering all this while to see this strange and unlooked-for change, wept for joy, desiring her to tell him how she was pre-served; wherein she satisfied him at full. The .king was like-